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GATT COUNCIL SCHEDULED OCT 19. OFFICIAL AIRGRAM WITH
AGENDA NOT YET COMPILED BUT SECRETARIAT EXPECTS FOLLOWING
ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN UP.

1. SPANISH B/P RESTRICTIONS. SEPTEL REPORTS RECENT
DISCUSSION AMONG KEY DELS.

2. EC-MOROCCO. L/3907 GIVES TEXT OF PROTOCOL (NEGOTIATED
MARCH 2, 1973) AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF EC(OFSIX)-

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MOROCCO 1969 ASSOCIATION AS RESULT EC ENLARGEMENT. MOST

IMPORTANT OF THESE APPEAR TO BE ENLARGEMENT OF MOROCCO'S DISCRIMINATORY QRS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPORT QUOTAS BY UK FOR PARTICULAR MOROCCAN PRODUCTS. SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED IF US INTENDS ASK FOR WORKING PARTY EXAMINATION WITH TRADITIONAL QUESTION AND ANSWER PROCEDURE. COMMENT: BEARING IN MIND (A) FACT EC ACTIVELY RENEGOTIATING EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH MOROCCO AND MANY OTHERS (REF EC BRUSSELS 4485), (B) LENGTH OF TIME IT WILL TAKE TO COLLECT QS AND AS, AND (C) INEVITABLE IMPASSE AND IN- CONCLUSIVE RESULTS OF WP EXAMINATION IF HELD, MISSION SEES NOT POINT IN QS AND AS AND WP. INSTEAD, WE FAVOR MAKING STRONG STATEMENT OF DISAPPROVAL OF ARRANGEMENTS REPORT L/3907 FOR REASONS GIVEN DURING PROLONGED GATT CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL EC (SIX)-MOROCCO ARRANGEMENT. A SPECIFIC WASHDC COMMENT ON DISCRIMINATORY QRS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. (IT IS IRONIC TO RECALL UK TOOK LEADING ROLE IN 1970 IN CRITICIZING THIS VERY ASPECT OF ORIGINAL EC-MOROCCO DEAL -- REF GENEVA 875 MARCH 19, 1970).

3. INDIAN WAIVER FOR AUXILIARY DUTIES (REF GENEVA 4398). AT GOI REQUEST, SEC PREPARING DRAFT TEXT WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT ASAP.

4. EC/EFTA - FIVE WP REPORTS (L/3898, 3899, 3900, 3901, 3902) IF WASHDC AGENCIES INTEND TO PURSUE IDEA ALLUED TO DURING WP EXAMINATIONS OF CALLING FOR SEPARATE WP OR GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ANALYZE WHAT RULES OF ORIGIN ARE JUSTIFIABLE IN RELATION TO POSSIBLE TRADE DEFLECTION, ADVANCE BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH EC IN BRUSSELS ESSENTIAL IF WE HOPE PERSUAGE EC TO AGREE. FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH OTHER DELS IN GENEVA ALSO WOULD BE USEFUL.

5. EFTA AND FINEFTA BIENNIAL REPORT (L/3916). KEY POINT OF INTEREST TO US IS NEW RULES OF ORIGIN SYSTEM ADOPTED BY MEMBERS (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1973) IDENTICAL WITH RULES OF ORIGIN APPLICABLE IN EC-EFTA ARRANGEMENTS. ANNEX I TO L/2916 CONTAINS TEXTS OF NEW EFTA RULES -- COPIES POUCHED TO STR, STATE AND COMMERCE SEPT 17. THESE RULES WERE MAIN POINT OF US CRITICISM OF EC-EFTA ARRANGEMENTS AND PRINCIPAL RATIONALE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR OUR REFUSAL ACCEPT THEM AS VALID FTAS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV. ADOPTION OF SAME RULES BY EFTA REDUCES DEGREE OF FREE TRADE AMONG EFTA COUNTRIES THEMSELVES AND MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT US EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY COMPONENT PARTS LIKE TRANSISTORS (WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO SAME 3PCT VALUE CUTOFF AS IN EC-EFTA). FURTHER REDUCTION OF FREE TRADE WITHIN EFTA REFLECTED IN CHANGE OF EFTA TREATMENT OF PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (PREVIOUSLY DUTY-FREE

WITHIN EFTA) TO CORRESPOND WITH EC-EFTA SYSTEM ALLOWING
IMPOSITION OF COMPENSATORY CHARGES TO COMPENSATE FOR
DIFFERENCES IN COST OF AGRICULTURAL RAW MATERIALS.
MISSION SUGGESTS WE SHOULD (A) CRITICIZE BOTH OF THESE
RETROGRESSIVE STEPS BY EFTA COUNTRIES, (B) STATE THAT
US DETAILED OBJECTIONS CONCERNING RULES OF ORIGIN SPELLED
OUT DURING EXAMINATION OF EC-EFTA ARRANGEMENTS ARE EQUALLY
APPLICABLE TO NEW INTRA-EFTA RULES, AND (C) RESERVE
OUT GATT RIGHTS. DECISION ON FURTHER ANALYSIS RULES OF
ORIGIN (PARA 4 ABOVE) ALSO RELEVANT.

6. AUSTRALIA-PAPAU NEW GUINEA. L/3903 CONTAINS 19TH
ANNUAL REPORT WHICH MISSION ASSUMES WILL BE ROUTINELY
NOTED.

7. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION. L/3922, 3923 AND 3924
PROPOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO 1973 BUDGET AND WORKING CAPITAL
FUND BY SINGAPORE, PHILIPPINES AND HUNGARY
RESPECTIVELY AS RESULT OF THEIR ACCESSION (APROVISIONAL
IN CASE OF PHIL). ROUTINE APPROVAL EXPECTED.

8. OTHER ITEMS. SECRETARIAT MAY FINISH DRAFT REPORT OF
COUNCIL TO CPS BY OCT 15 IN WHICH CASE COUNCIL COULD
CLEAR IT OCT 19. IF NOT AVAILABLE IN TIME, COUNCIL
WILL MEET LATER FOR THIS PURPOSE. MISSION CAN TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVING SUMMARY OF COUNCIL'S WORK
DURING PAST YEAR. BASSIN

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